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Vice-President's Report

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President's Accomplishments.

Since David Zemer took over as President in 2004, a number of progressive steps have been taken under his dynamic leadership. He has made use of eBay to promote the CZSG and solicit new members – and arranged for them to pay with PayPal. In the first two years, he averaged two new members per month. From the first, he acted as a liaison with COPAPHIL (Columbia-Panama Philatelic Study Group). He oversaw a revision in the Bylaws to allow flexibility in the membership dues and subscription rates. The second revision permitted the Mail Sale Manager to open an account in the name of the CZSG.

Another advance was in augmenting our new Web Site. He scanned all the back CZSG Mail Sale Catalogues for posting. He also scanned back issues

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Cristobal, Canal Zone Registry Exchange Labels

By David Zemer

In Whole No. 144 of *The Canal Zone Philatelist*, I wrote about the use of U.S. Registry Labels on mail originating from or addressed to the Canal Zone. Canal Zone usage bearing the U.S. labels is extremely scarce and since my article was published, I have seen only a few additional Canal Zone covers with these labels; an example of one, courtesy of member William Morrill, is shown in Fig. 1.

The Collectors Club Philatelist article by Al Kugel (1) that had gotten me interested in this subject was also read by Nicholas Lombardi who then started working on a census of U.S. Registry Exchange Labels. In a recent article in *The Collectors Club Philatelist* (2) he has four pages of tables listing covers with scarce exchange labels including 14 covers from the Canal Zone.

According to Tom Brougham, two different types of Cristobal labels were used only for two short periods and are known to exist on covers dated the last half of Oct. 1905 and then from Sept. 7 to Dec. 8, 1906. If you have some Canal Zone covers that are not on Nick's list, Table 1, please send a good photocopy or



Fig. 1 Front of La Boca Cover

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Metro Chapter meeting

at NOJEX 2008 on

Saturday, May 24, 2008

at 2 PM

WESTPEX 2008

Saturday, April 26, 2008

1:00 PM at

San Francisco Airport Marriott
Burlingame, CA

This is the 39th consecutive
CZSG meeting at WESTPEX.

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Panama Canal Zone 1924 Coat of Arms Exhibit Now Online!

The Canal Zone Study Group has just added Jim Cross' exhibit of the 1924 Panama Canal Zone Arms stamps on our website, www.czsg.org. In the online exhibit, there is original production material from the ABN Co. and information on how difficult it is to find these stamps on cover. These Arms stamps are often overlooked by collectors - this exhibit helps explain why.

Cristobal, Canal Zone Registry Exchange Labels

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scan of both sides to Nick Lombardi at P.O. Box 1005, Mountainside, NJ 07092 and he will add them to his census. His email address is 8605@comcast.net.

This period of exchange offices produced many interesting covers with complex markings and often showing commercial usage of Canal Zone stamps difficult to find on cover. Tom Brougham's articles in *The CZP*, Nos. 44-47, document much of what we know about early Canal Zone registry service and should be read by everyone interested in this period of Canal Zone philately.

If you do not have your own copies of these *Philatelists*, they can be found on www.CanalZoneStudyGroup.com in searchable pdf format. For a free electronic copy of Nick's article, in pdf format and only by email, contact me at sosahill@hotmail.com. For a (paper) copy of the issue of *The Collectors Club Philatelist* containing this article contact the Collectors Club (\$ 7 + postage).

Fig. 2 Back of La Boca Cover in Figure 1

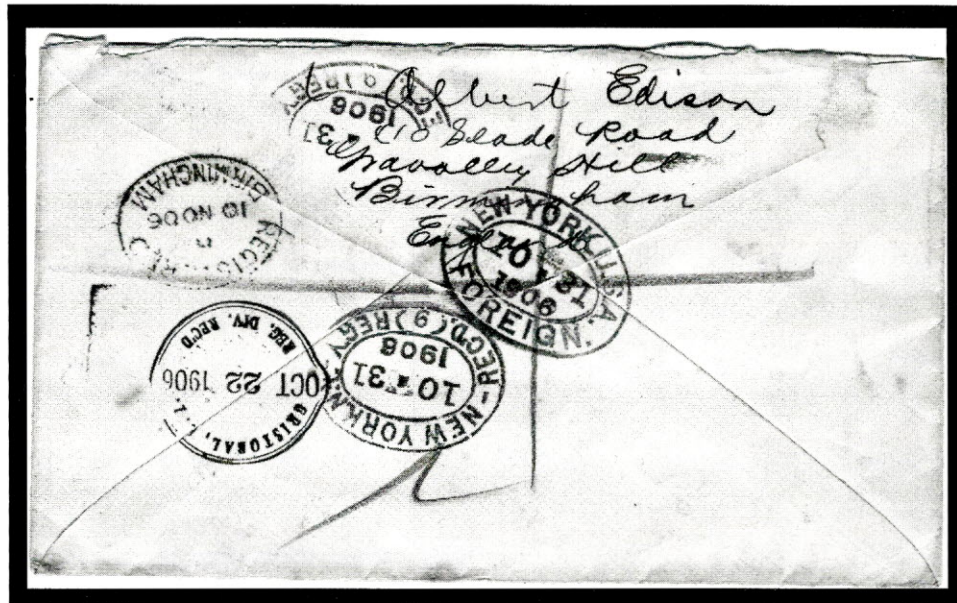


Table 1. Preliminary Census of Canal Zone Registry Exchange Labels

Cover #	Label #	Posted	Origin	Destination	Other Label	Source
CZ-1	12290	9/28/1906	Pedro Miguel	New York, NY		Rumsey Sale 14 Lot 1394
CZ-2	15498	11/8/1906				Exhibit - Kugel
CZ-3	794	10/11/1905				Exhibit - Kugel
CZ-4	14842	10/29/1906				Exhibit - Kugel
CZ-5	19100	12/11/1906				Exhibit - Kugel
CZ-6	12859	10/2/1906	Ancon	New York, NY		Alevizos 11/4/03 Lot 33
CZ-7	14420	10/19/1906	La Boca	England	NY 61855	Morrill Collection
CZ-8	17214	11/25/1906	Pedro Miguel	New York, NY		Bennett* Lot 1641
CZ-9	12858	Unknown	Unknown	Washington, DC		Bennett * Lot 2071
CZ-10	14994	10/30/1906	Matachin	Silver City, NM		Bennett * Lot 2069
CZ-11	16184	11/15/1906	Ancon	Boston, MA		Bennett * Lot 2070
CZ-12	14683	10/28/1906	Ancon	Norfolk, VA		Exhibit - Landau
CZ-13	1233	10/17/1905	Culebra	Dayton, TX		Bennett * Lot 2068
CZ-14	17099	11/23/1906	Ancon	Washington, DC		Brett Collection

*Bennett Auction 280

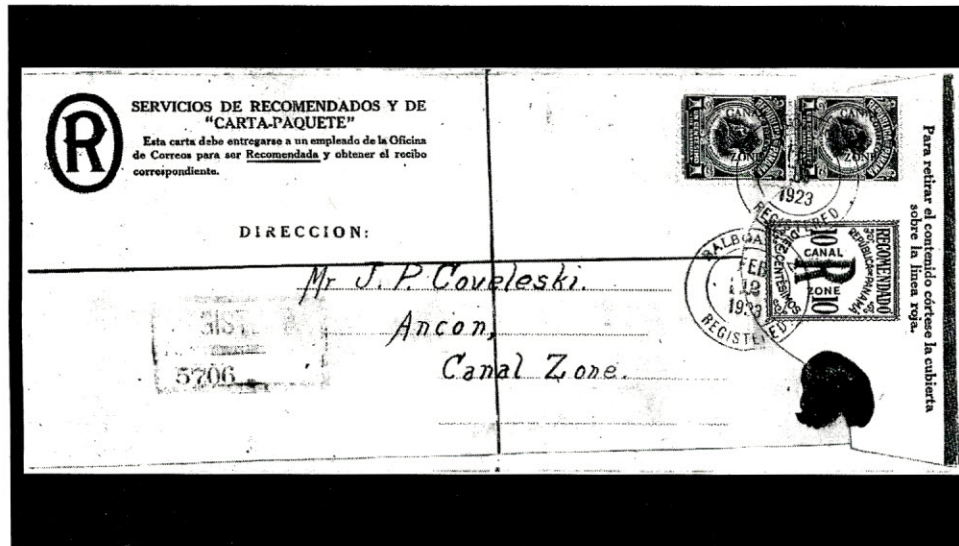
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- (2) Nicholas A. Lombardi, "A Preliminary Census of U.S. Registry Exchange Labels (1883-1911)," *The Collectors Club Philatelist*, November/December 2007, pp. 355-362.

Used Example of the Unissued Registration Envelope Essay by Irwin Gibbs

Secretary's Report
John C. Smith
408 Redwood Ln.
Schaumburg, IL 60193

DUES ARE DUE!



When the Canal Zone Registration envelopes of 1918 were exhausted, the Panama Government ordered a third printing for the Canal Zone. The Director of Posts rejected them since registration envelopes were not cutting down on pilferage.

The rejected envelopes were originally printed by the American Bank Note Co. with "Canal Zone" and "10" included to eliminate overprinting. The Panama Government had them surcharged by the Panama Government Printing Plant for their use, blocking out "Canal Zone" and "10."

Two unused and one used are known without the blocking out overprint. The used copy pictured bears two copies of the 1¢ Type III (Scott No. 46) and was mailed from Balboa on February 12, 1923 to Ancon.

Mr. J.P. Coveleski sent the cover to himself. In a note inside the cover in Coveleski's handwriting he states that the cover was bought in Panama and used in the Canal Zone. The text of the note follows:

Panama 1923 issue

When the Canal Zone Registration covers of 1918 issue were exhausted the Panama Govt ordered more for the Canal Zone, but the Director of Posts rejected them.

The Panama Govt had them surcharged locally by the Panama Govt. Printing Plant for [its] own use.

This cover is one of the few that the surcharge was omitted. Only about five found as far as I could learn.

This cover was bought in Panama and used in the Canal Zone. The stamps are the 1916 issue local surcharge Mt. Hope, C.Z. printing plant spaced 9½ mm.

Note color of R's; also Canal Zone is not surcharged separately as on previous issue of 1918.

Winner

At APS AMERISTAMP EXPO
2008 in Charlotte, NC, January
11-13. Irwin Gibbs, Single Frame
Prix d'Honneur for Canal Zone
1918 Registration Envelopes.
Congratulations.

REMINDER

Consignments for the 35th CZSG
Mail Sale should be sent to arrive
no later than June 26, 2008. A
clear inventory list must accompany
all consignments. Ship insured or
registered to:

Canal Zone Mail Sale
c/o Tom Brougham
P.O. Box 1284
Berkeley, CA 94701

We start 2008 with 690 active members, including the 123 members who have not paid their dues yet. Hopefully, you have received your 2008 dues notice by now. The dues are STILL \$8.00 for regular membership. If you have not paid your dues yet please do so; it will save me from sending out reminder notices. You may even want to consider paying a year or two in advance and save yourself time and postage. Contributing members who pay at least \$15 and Sustaining members who pay at least \$25 will be recognized in the Third Quarter *Philatelist*.

New Members

- 2572 Jerry S. Ball, Richland, WA
- 2573 Jose Mata, Miami, FL
- 2575 Dennis K. Felton, Ventura, CA
- 2576 Nicholas A. Lombardi, Mountainside, NJ
- 2577 Barbara B. Mason, New Canaan, CT
- 2578 Alex Hrabko, Rochester, NY
- 2579 Tony Davies, Weston, MA
- 2580 George W. Whetstone, Sanford, NC

Address Changes

- 0162 Eric W. Farr, San Antonio, TX
- 0565 Ray L. Coughlin, Mountain Home, AR
- 0809 George F. Stephenson, Penns Creek, PA
- 1363 William J. Walsko, Beverly Shores, IN
- 1720 Charles W. Geisewite, San Antonio, TX
- 1905 Federico A. Brid, Miami, FL
- 1996 James A. Cross, Lakeside, CA
- 2516 Alfred L. Price, Flowood, MS
- 2574 Vincent A. Russo, Kinnelon, NJ

Resigned Members

- 0470 James E. Noll
- 1736 Robert C. Anderson
- 1782 William T. Hicks

Deceased Members

- 0282 Jack E. Molesworth
- 1092 David J. Smith
- 1765 Howard E. Clarke, Jr.
- 2049 Alan M. Ferguson

What's That You Say – You Want To REGISTER That Post Card??

By George R. Campbell

It must have been a very unusual request for the clerk at the local Canal Zone Post Office: a patron asking to send a picture post card by registered mail! Indeed, I have seen only two examples in over 40 years of sifting through thousands upon thousands of post cards. But in fact nothing in the contemporary postal laws, regulations, or guides would disallow registration of such items (see, for example, Beecher and Wawrukiewicz, *U.S. Domestic Postal Rates, 1872-1999, Revised Second Edition, 1999*, CAMA Publishing). On the surface, it just seems to be a waste of postage, as registration was normally intended for valuable mail.

Figure 1 shows one example of this usage from the “early days” of the Canal Zone registry service. The post card,

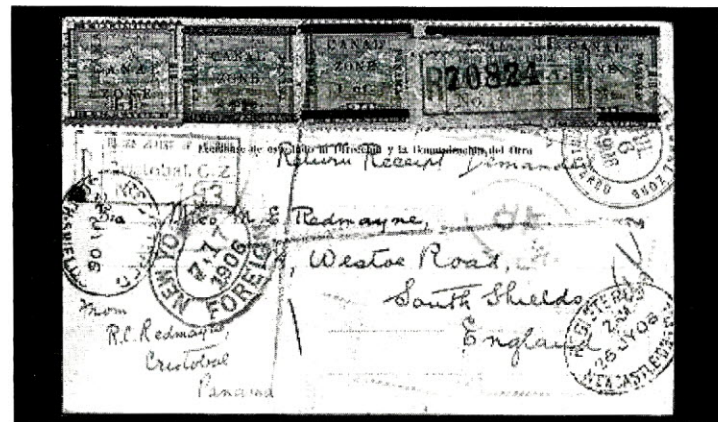


Fig. 1 Registered Maduro embossed card to England

addressed to England, is an early Maduro “undivided back,” embossed, color card, with the view side (Figure 2) showing stamps of Panama, with the flag at the upper left and shield at the upper right. This side has been embellished with the addition of eleven unused Canal Zone stamps (overprints on Panama “maps”), including Scott Nos. 12(3), 13, 14, 16b(3), and 17(3). The address side is franked with CZ Nos. 12, 16b(3) and 17. The total postage of 10 cents reflects the contemporary foreign post card rate of 2 cents, plus the registry rate of 8 cents. At the time, there was no additional fee for a return receipt, although the card bears a “Return Receipt Demanded” manuscript endorsement.



Fig. 2 Back of card in Fig. 1

The stamps on the address side are tied by a combination of a “Cristobal, Canal Zone – Registered – Jul 6 1906” handstamp (Entwistle Rg-2) and the typical “Canal Zone in 7 horizontal bars” killer (Entw. K-1), both in black. There is also a black, boxed Cristobal registry exchange label (Entw. RgXL-3). A New York printed paper registry exchange label was affixed over portions of the three No. 16b stamps. Additional handstamps include a “New York – Foreign” double oval dated 7-17-1906, British receiving markings applied at Newcastle-on-Tyne (26 Jy 06) and South Shields (28 Jy 06), and a magenta “AR” in oval (“Avis de Reception” = Return Receipt). The picture side of the card also shows a portion of a “New York Rec’d(2) Reg’y” double oval handstamp. This card was clearly philatelically inspired, given its stamp subject, not to mention the added Canal Zone postage. None of the stamps was particularly valuable at the time (or now). Hence, it seems that the registration was simply a means to an end – transmitting some unusual, far-away stamps to an appreciative collector. From a present-day collector’s standpoint, it seems unfortunate that the sender elected not to use the 8-cent stamp (No. 14) affixed to the picture side for the registration fee, as these are considerably scarcer used on cover.

Another example of a registered post card, shown in Fig. 3, appeared as lot No. 178A in the September 27, 2006, H.R. Harmer auction of “Hawaii and Canal Zone Stamps and Postal History.” The card is a Maduro “Green Eagle” type (No. 5046), with the picture side captioned “Maternity Ward, Ancon Hospital, Panama.” It is franked with Canal Zone Scott Nos. 37, 38, 39, and 40, and addressed to Germany. It was registered at Ancon, CZ, on March 17, 1914, as indicated by a magenta double-circle handstamp (Entw. Rg-12) and accompanying straight-line “Registered No. _____” marking (Entw. RM-6c). Two of the stamps on the card are tied by a “New York – Rec’d(8) Foreign 3.26 1914” oval transit marking. Receipt in Bad Nauheim,

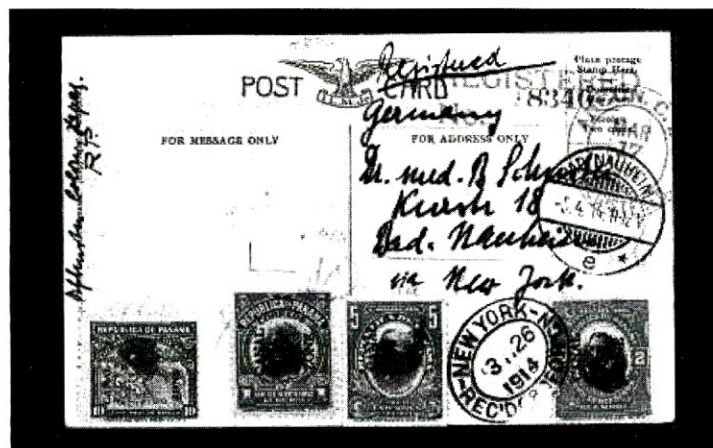


Fig. 3 Registered Maduro “Green Eagle” to Germany

Germany is documented by a black handstamp, dated 5-4 (April 5) 1914. Total postage on the card is 18 cents, which appears to be an overpayment, since the contemporary foreign post card rate was 2 cents and the registry fee 10 cents. Again, philatelic inspiration is suspected; as it turns out, Scott Nos. 37-40 probably represent the available “set” of stamps at CZ Post Offices in March, 1914.

Addendum: U8-U9 Knife P3a

In response to some confusion as to the differences between knife P3 and knife P3a found on U8 and U9, the following identifying features should help.

- 1) Both P3 and P3a are size 6 envelopes with the same dimensions: 165 mm x 93 mm.
- 2) The primary difference is in the top of the flap: knife P3 has a slight indentation; knife P3a has no indentation.
- 3) Measurements from the bottom of the envelope to the center of the top of the flap:
Knife P3 - 71 mm
Knife P3a - 72 mm
- 4) The seal for knife P3a is always centered in the 14 x 14 mm box with equal space above and below "cents."

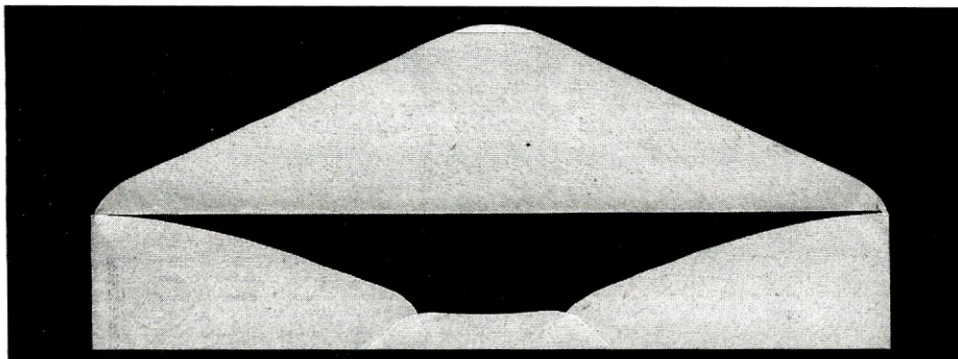


Fig. 1 Knife P3

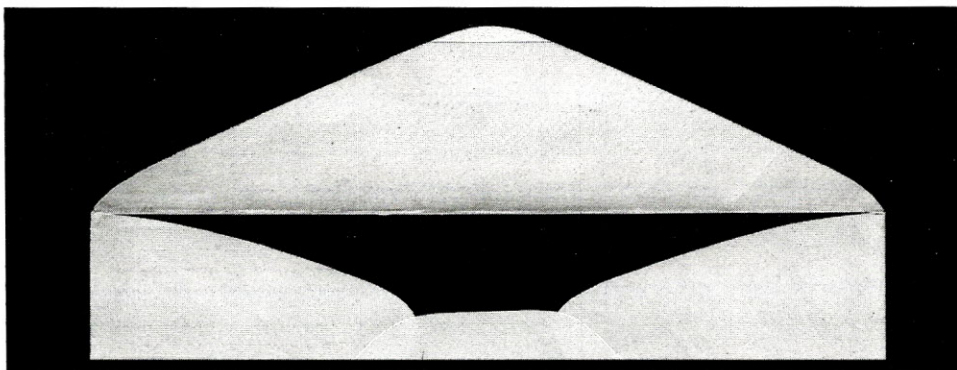


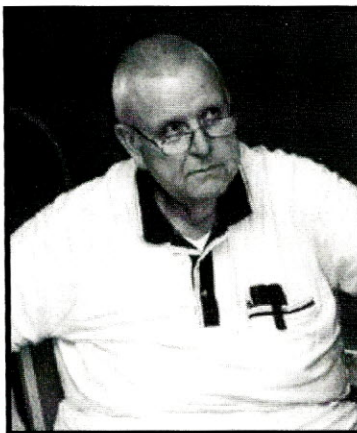
Fig. 2 Knife P3a

From used copies of both knives, it appears that P3a was a very late printing, possibly the February 1932 date, with 10,000 of the 1¢ and 25,000 of the 2¢ printed.

Irwin Gibbs

David J. Smith

We mourn the loss of long-time CZSG member David J. Smith (#1092) who died on 1 December 2007. Dave was a regular attendee at the Northeast CZSG meetings since their inception 11 years ago. One of his primary interests was Canal Zone postal stationery, which he exhibited a number of times. He was a member of the RI Philatelic Society.



Some CZSG Membership Statistics

Since the official closing of the Panama Canal in 1979, membership in the Canal Zone Study Group had slowly increased, peaking at 914 members in 1990 then slowly decreasing to 678 at the end of 2007. The Study Group receives approximately 27 new members on average, per year, while losing about 32 members each year.

The CZ is now considered a "Dead Country," but the CZSG still remains a very active group with 38% of our members contributing more than the standard membership rate of \$8.00 in 2007. By the way, this dues amount must be some kind of record, remaining unchanged from 1985, over 20 years. Currently, our major source for new members is eBay (about 85%), with the remainder coming from CZSG dealers, ads, and word of mouth, in that order.

Collecting Canal Zone stamps and covers is alive and doing well!

John C. Smith
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CZSG Election Report

A report has been received from Secretary John Smith regarding the ballots received for the election of CZSG Officers and Directors for the two year period: Jan. 1, 2008 through Dec. 31, 2009.

The results are as follows:

President -		
David T. Zemer	321 votes	
Vice-President -		
Alan P. Bentz	318 votes	
Secretary -		
John C. Smith	319 votes	
Treasurer -		
Richard F. Larkin	318 votes	
Directors:		
Paul F. Ammons	282 votes	
Richard Spielberg	288 votes	
Gary B. Weiss	301 votes	

Respectfully submitted,
CZSG Elections Committee

The 33rd Infantry Regiment in WWII

By Wayne Worthington

The 33rd Infantry Regiment holds a special place in the hearts of Zonians who were on the isthmus during WWI and WWII. In preparation for WWI, the War Department ordered the creation of 7 new regiments: three in the US and one each for the Canal Zone, the Philippines, and Hawaii. The Canal Zone Regiment was designated the 33rd Infantry Regiment. It was created on July 6, 1916, by transferring soldiers from the 5th and 10th Infantry Regiments already serving in the Zone and officers from the 29th Infantry Regiment in the States.

The new 33rd was stationed at Camps Otis, Gaillard, and Empire (see Fig. 1). Their pre-WWI mission was to chart

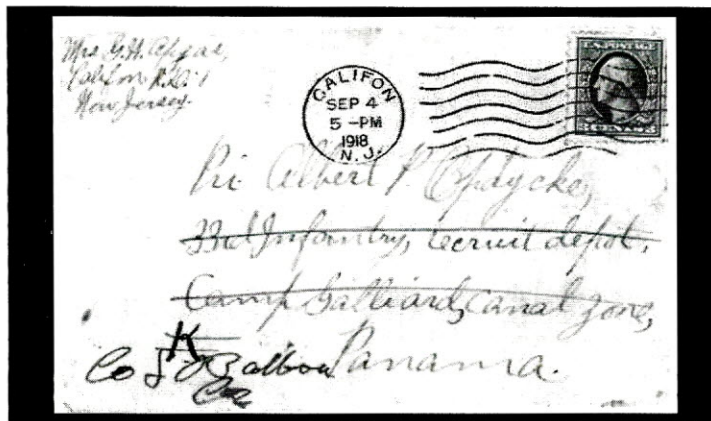


Fig. 1 Company K at Camp Gaillard

the jungle areas within the Zone. When the US entered the war, the 33rd was given the mission of guarding the vital installations of the Canal such as the Gatun Locks (see Fig. 2). It wasn't until November 1920, that the entire Regiment was moved to and permanently quartered at Ft. Clayton.

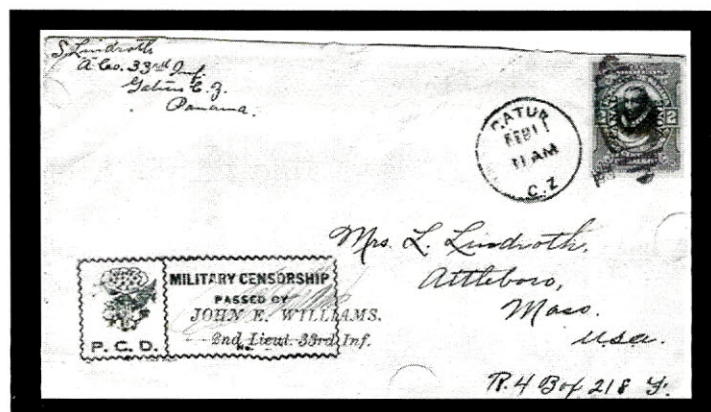


Fig. 2 Company A at Camp Gatun

Between the World Wars, the 33rd trained and continued to map the uninhabited jungle areas of the Canal Zone. Beginning in 1940, they were assigned anti-sabotage and transit guard duty throughout the area going out from Ft. Clayton (see Fig. 3).

In September 1940, the US and Great Britain signed the Lend-Lease Agreement whereby the US occupied British

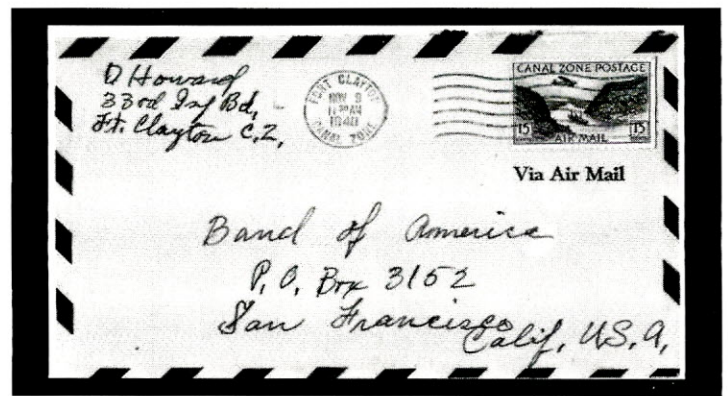


Fig. 3 33rd Home Base Ft. Clayton

bases in the Caribbean and Newfoundland in exchange for 40+ destroyers. Often referred to as the Ships for Bases agreement, the US freed up British forces for defense operations in Europe.

In 1941 the 33rd was transferred from the Panama Canal Department and made available to the Caribbean Defense Command for deployment outside the Canal Zone. The 33rd was about to embark on its Caribbean mission serving away from the Isthmus of Panama for the first time in its history.

On September 6, 1941, the 1st Battalion, 33rd Infantry Regiment was sent to Ft. Read, Trinidad (see Fig. 4).

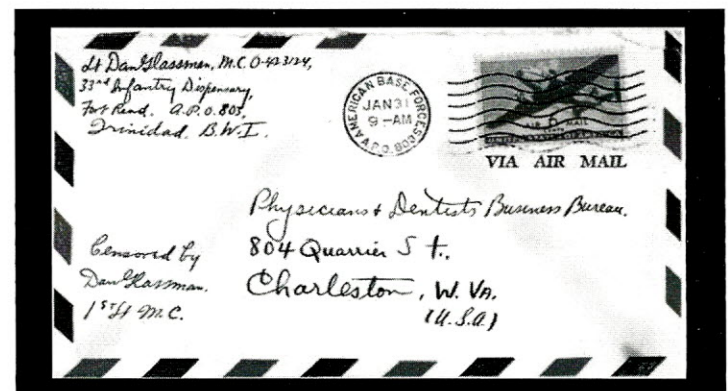


Fig. 4 33rd at Ft. Read, Trinidad

The Battalion established another base at Queen's Park on the outskirts of Port of Spain. On November 21, 1941, 4 companies were formed into Force A and secretly moved into Surinam to make certain the bauxite mines did not fall into Axis hands (see Fig. 5). The day Pearl Harbor was attacked, the 2nd Battalion, 33rd transferred to Ft. Read, followed in early January 1942 by the 3rd Battalion, 33rd. These two battalions formed the Trinidad Mobile Force patterned after the Panama Mobile Force.

For the remainder of World War II, the 33rd was the major US Army ground force in the Caribbean. The 1st Battalion minus Force A and the remaining elements of the 33rd Regiment supported US Navy and Army Air Corps units located on the Bahamas, Jamaica, Antigua, St. Lucia, British Guiana, and Bermuda.

In June 1943, Dutch troops relieved Force A in Surinam and they were transferred to Aruba where Force A and the rest of the 1st Battalion, 33rd Infantry Regiment were inactivated.

On March 4, 1944, the 33rd was shipped by Navy



Fig. 5 Force A preparing for Surinam

transport through Guantanamo to New York and then by train to Camp Clairborne, Louisiana. On June 26, 1944,

the 33rd Infantry Regiment, the Canal Zone's Own, furled its flags and was deactivated completing its World War II service.

For Canal Zone postal history collectors, covers from the 33rd Infantry Regiment in the Zone are not rare. But this article explains why a properly censored WWII cover of the 33rd in the Zone would be. They were on a classified mission serving as part of the Caribbean Defense Command outside the isthmus.

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Philatelic Patriotism in Canal Zone

by John Smith

Patriotic Canal Zone Covers are envelopes with printed images of symbolic pictures or cartoons depicting patriotic events. Private and some commercial dealers mailed them through the Canal Zone Postal System with CZ stamps. Most of the cacheted covers were used for every day mailing. The purpose of patriotic covers was to advance patriotism, to remind everyone to keep secrets, and to help conserve natural resources needed for the war effort. Being in a remote part of the world, the Canal Zonians (United States citizens) mailed their patriotic cacheted envelopes, which expressed their awareness and loyalty during various wars and/or troubled times. This kind of advertising has been lost in today's world of the vast media and cable TV.

If you are looking for a fun Canal Zone/American collecting area, patriotic covers may meet your fancy. These covers are not common, making them a challenge to find, but they can still be purchased at relatively low prices.

A few patriotic covers are pictured in the following figures:



Fig. 1

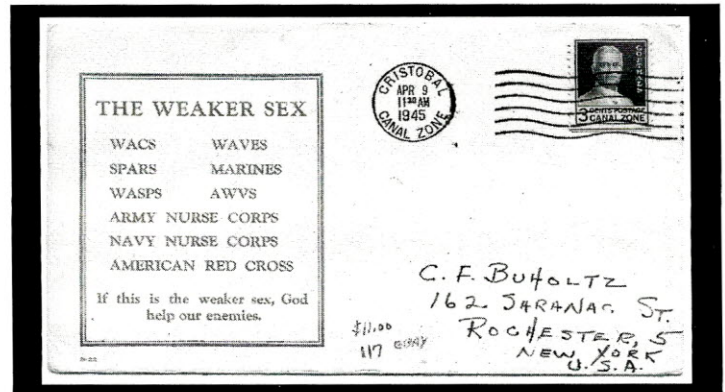


Fig. 2

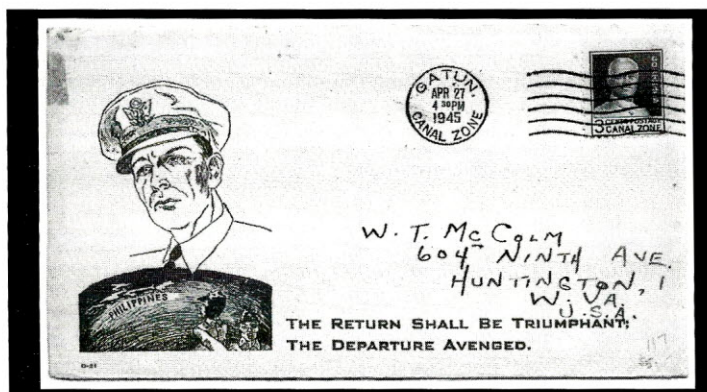


Fig. 3

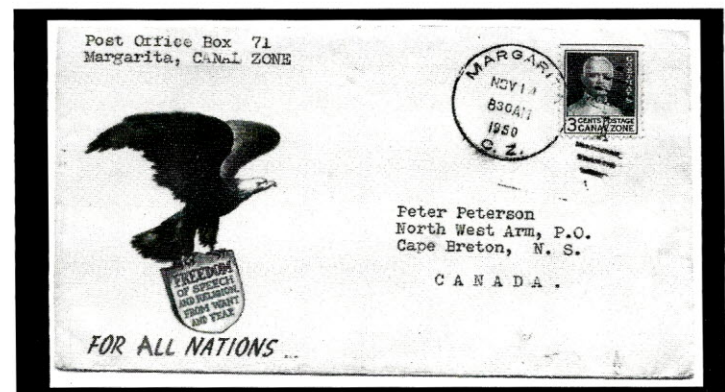


Fig. 4

1905 Postal Convention between the USA and Panama

By David Zemer

POSTAL CONVENTION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA.

CIRCULAR.
No. 44.

WAR DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON
August 31, 1905

Several years ago I bought an interesting item on eBay described as a "Postal Convention between the United States and Panama bearing the signature of President Theodore Roosevelt." It is an age-colored four-page document, and according to the seller it came from Fort Davis (near Nome), Alaska along with other General Orders and Circulars that were sent there during the Gold Rush. Until 1976 they had been stored in the depot building for the "Wild Goose" railroad which was built across the tundra to the gold fields.

A copy of the Convention was published in *COPACARTA* for Panama philatelists after which I forgot about it. This year while researching Panama's 1911 Advertising Booklet Stamps I noticed on the back of the booklet cover that postal rates for packages to the United States were to be calculated "... according to the Convention of Obaldía-Cortelyou, of 19 June 1905."

This prompted me to go back and read my copy of the Convention again and I saw that this was the same convention referenced on the back of the booklet cover.

Wondering if a copy of this convention was available online, I searched the Internet but was unable to find one. At the same time I was also searching for information on the Panama Advertising booklets and I found three references to the Panama booklets, two from Mekeel's (1,2) and one from the *Canal Zone Philatelist* (3) on our own website. All three references are from Gerald D. Bliss, Postmaster at Pedro Miguel. Due to the Bliss connection I went back and re-read the Convention and realized that it could be an important original source for research and for descriptions of material in the exhibits of Canal Zone philatelists and asked our Editor if it should be printed. He agreed and a complete copy follows. In the future this Convention will appear on our website and then be available for any historian or philatelist.

The following postal convention between the United States of America and the Republic of Panama is published for the information of all concerned:

For the purpose of making better postal arrangements between the United States of America and the Republic of Panama, the undersigned, George B. Cortelyou, Postmaster-General of the United States of America, duly authorized thereto by law, and J. D. de Obaldia, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at Washington, duly authorized thereto by the President of the Republic of Panama, have agreed upon the following articles:

ARTICLE I.

(a) Articles of every kind or nature, which are admitted to the domestic mails of either country, except as herein prohibited, shall be admitted to the mails exchanged under this Convention: subject however to such regulations as the Postal Administration of the country of destination may deem necessary for sanitary purposes or to protect its customs revenues or its taxes on commerce.

(b) But articles other than letters in their usual and ordinary form, must never be closed against inspection, but must be so wrapped or inclosed that they may be readily and thoroughly examined by postmasters or customs officers or postal employees. Except that there may be admitted to the mails exchanged between the United States and Panama unsealed packages which contain, in sealed receptacles, articles which cannot be safely transmitted in unsealed receptacles: provided the contents of the closed receptacles are plainly visible or are precisely stated on the covers of the closed receptacles, and that the package is so wrapped that the outer cover can be easily opened.

The following articles are prohibited admission to the mails exchanged under this Convention:

(a) Publications which violate the copyright laws of the country of destination: packets, except single volumes of printed books, the weight of which exceeds two kilograms: liquids, poisons, explosive or inflammable substances, fatty substances, those which easily liquefy, live or dead animals (not dried), insects and reptiles, fruits and vegetables which will easily decompose and substances which exhale a bad odor, lottery tickets or circulars, all obscene and immoral articles, other articles which may destroy or in any way damage the mails or injure the persons handling them.

(b) All admissible matter mailed in one country for the other, or received in one country from the other, shall be free from any detention or inspection whatever, except such as is required by the regulations of the country of destination for the collection of its customs duties: and shall in the first case be forwarded by the most speedy means to its destination, and in the latter be delivered to the respective persons to whom it is addressed, being subject in its transmission to the laws and regulations of each country respectively.

(c) The classification of, and the rates of postage and the registration fee to be levied and collected upon mail-matter originating in either country and addressed to the other, shall be in accordance with the domestic laws and regulations of the country of origin; provided that the rates of postage and registration fees so levied shall not exceed in either country the minimum rates of postage and registration fee prescribed for articles of a like nature, by the Articles of the Universal Postal Convention which is in force.

ARTICLE II.

(a) Each Administration shall retain to its own use the whole of the postages and registration fees it collects on postal articles exchanged with the other, including deficient postage. Consequently, there will be no postage accounts between the two countries.

(b) Articles other than letters and postal cards must be prepaid at least in part. Letters and postal cards will be forwarded to the country they are addressed to even if they absolutely lack postage. Payment of postage and registration fees shall be certified by affixing the appropriate stamps of the country of origin.

(c) Each insufficiently prepaid letter shall have stamped on its cover the capital letter T, and shall have indicated plainly thereon, in figures, on the upper left hand corner of the address, by the postal officials of the country of origin, the amount of the deficient postage, and only the amount so indicated shall be collected of addressees on delivery, except in cases of obvious error.

ARTICLE III.

No postage charges shall be levied in either country on fully prepaid correspondence originating in the other, nor shall any charge be made in the country of destination upon official correspondence which under the postal regulations of the country of origin is entitled to freedom from postage; but the country of destination will receive, forward and deliver the same free of charge.

ARTICLE IV.

In case any correspondence is tendered for mailing in either country, obviously with the intention to evade the higher postage rates applicable to it in the other country, it shall be refused, unless payment be made of such higher rates.

ARTICLE V.

(a) Exchanges of mails under this Convention shall be effected through the post-offices of both countries already designated as exchange post-offices, or through such offices as may be hereafter agreed upon, under such regulations relative to the details of the exchanges as may be mutually determined to be essential to the security and expedition of the mails and the protection of the customs revenues or taxes on commerce.

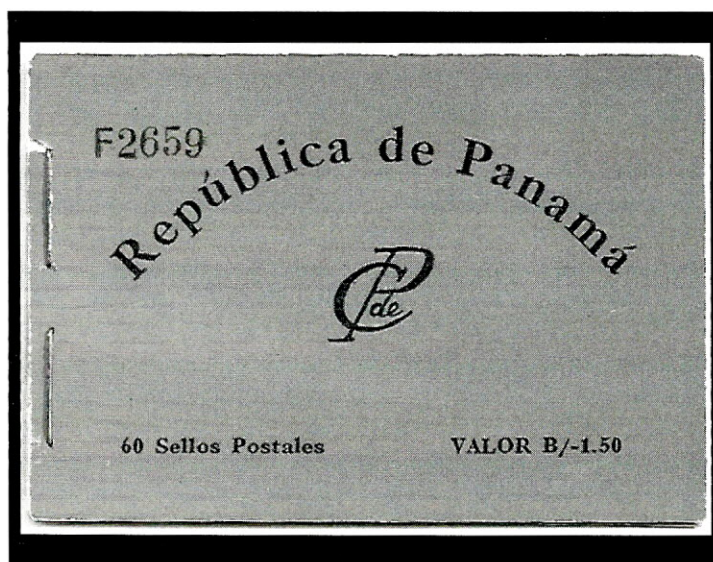


Fig. 1 1911 Advertising Booklet cover

(b) Each country shall provide for and bear the expense of the conveyance of its mails to the other.

ARTICLE VI.

The United States of America and the Republic of Panama each grants to the other, free of any charges, detention, or examination whatsoever, the transit across its territory, of the CLOSED mails made up by any authorized exchange office of either country, addressed to any other exchange office of the same country or to any exchange office of the other country.

ARTICLE VII.

(a) Any packet of mailable correspondence may be registered upon payment of the rate of postage and the registration fee applicable thereto in the country of origin.

(b) An acknowledgment of the delivery of a registered article shall be returned to the sender when requested; but either country may require of the sender prepayment of a fee therefor not exceeding five cents.

ARTICLE VIII.

(a) Exchanges of ordinary international correspondence may be effected without the use of letter-bills; but registered correspondence must be accompanied by a descriptive list thereof, by means of which the registered articles may be identified for the purpose of acknowledgment by the receiving offices.

(b) If a registered article advised shall not be found in the mails by the receiving office, its absence shall be immediately reported by the receiving to the sending office.

ARTICLE IX.

Ordinary and registered exchanges, unless the latter be made in through registered pouches, shall be effected in properly sealed sacks.

ARTICLE X.

(a) All registered articles, ordinary letters, postal cards, and other manuscript matter, business or commercial papers, books (bound or stitched), proofs of printing, engravings, photographs, drawings, maps, and other articles manifestly of value to the sender, which are not delivered from any cause, shall be reciprocally returned without charge, through the central administrations of the two countries in special packets or sacks marked "Rebuts," after the expiration of the period for their retention required by the laws or regulations of the country of destination; the returned registered articles to be accompanied by a descriptive list, and the special packets or sacks used for returning registered articles to be returned under registration, when registered articles are returned in them.

(b) Fully prepaid letters which bear requests by the senders for their return in case of nondelivery by a certain date, or within a specified time, shall be reciprocally returned, without charge, directly to the dispatching exchange office, at the expiration of the period for their retention indicated in the requests.

(c) Fully prepaid letters bearing on the covers the business cards, the names and addresses of the senders, or designation of places to which they may be returned (as post-office box, street and number, etc.), without requests for their return in case of nondelivery within a specified time, shall be reciprocally returned without charge directly to the dispatching exchange office at the expiration of thirty days from the date of their receipt at the office of destination.

ARTICLE XI.

All matters connected with the exchange of mails between the two countries which are not herein provided for shall be governed by the provisions of the Universal Postal Convention and regulations now in force, or which may hereafter be enacted, for the government of such matters in the exchange of mails between countries of the Universal Postal Union generally, so far as the articles of such Universal Postal Convention shall be obligatory upon both of the contracting parties.

ARTICLE XII.

The Postmaster General of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Panama shall have authority to jointly make such further regulations of order and detail as may be found necessary to carry out the present Convention from time to time; and may by agreement prescribe conditions for the admission to the mails of any of the articles prohibited by Article 1.

ARTICLE XIII.

This Convention abrogates the postal regulations existing between the two countries. It shall be ratified by the contracting countries in accordance with their respective laws and its ratification shall be exchanged at the city of Washington as early as possible. It shall take effect thirty days from the exchange of ratifications and shall continue in force until terminated by mutual agreement or annulled at the instance of the Post-Office Department of either country, upon six months previous notice given to the other.

Done in duplicate, and signed at Washington the 19th day of June one thousand nine hundred and five.

[SEAL.]

GEORGE B. CORTELYOU,
Postmaster-General of the United States of America.
J. D. DE OBALDIA
Enviado Extraordinario y Ministro Plenipotenciario
de Panama en los Estados Unidos de America.

The foregoing Convention between the United States of America and Panama has been negotiated and concluded with my advice and consent, and is hereby approved and ratified.

In testimony whereof, I have caused the Seal of the United States to be hereunto affixed.

[SEAL.]

THEODORE ROOSEVELT

By the President:

FRANCIS B. LOOMIS,
Acting Secretary of State.

WASHINGTON, June 19th, 1905.

The undersigned, George B. Cortelyou, Postmaster-General of the United States of America, and J. D. de Obaldia, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Panama at Washington, having met for the purpose of exchanging the ratifications of the Postal Convention concluded between the United States of America and the Republic of Panama and signed at Washington June 19th, 1905, and having carefully compared the ratifications of said Convention and found them exactly conformable to each other, the exchange took place this day in the usual form.

In witness whereof, they have signed the present protocol of exchange and have affixed thereto their seals.

Done at Washington this 19th day of June, one thousand nine hundred and five.

[SEAL.]

GEORGE B. CORTELYOU,

Postmaster-General of the United States of America.

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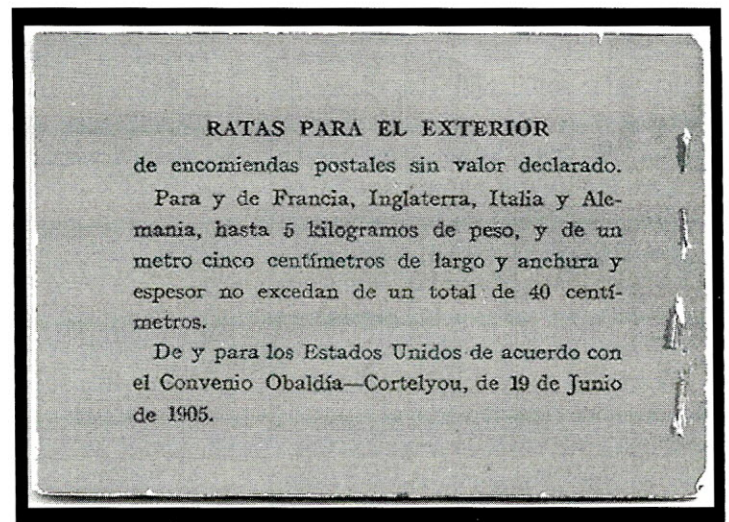


Fig. 2 1911 Advertising Booklet back

(1) *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News*, Feb. 18, 1911 Volume XXV, Number 7, Whole Issue Number 1051. Online Source: http://www.geocities.com/pdstampinfo/1911_02_18_issue.htm

(2) *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News*, Feb. 25, 1911 Volume XXV, Number 8, Whole Issue Number 1052 Online Source: http://www.geocities.com/pdstampinfo/1911_02_25_issue.htm

(3) CZP 73:25.

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Auctions by Jim Crumpacker

As winter sets in, collectors look for indoor activity and occupation. Thus the fourth calendar quarter, Oct. 1-Dec. 31, 2007, was a decent three months for auctions of Canal Zone philatelic goods. Any economic recession, if then underway, did not appear to affect realizations.

Rarely seen plate blocks were the highlight, with rather more of good quality offered than I have listed below. A few of the single stamp greater rarities were also offered.

Mentioned here are more than 20 of the more interesting results. The first dollar amount is hammer price plus commission and is followed by the 2007 *Scott Specialized* valuation in parentheses.

- 1, OG, H, F \$635 (\$600)
Regency-Superior
- 1, used, XF \$431 (\$425) RA Siegel
- 4, pl. bl. 6 #2088-B w/ imprint, OG,
NH(H in selvage only) F-VF some
perf. seps. \$920 (\$875) Regency-
Superior
- 7, OG, NH, VF \$360 (\$175) Spink
Shreves
- 7, OG, H, VF graded XF-90 by the
PF \$207 (\$175) RA Siegel
- 8, pl. bl. 6, #1590-B w/ imprint, OG,
HR as reinf. for seps., F-VF \$1035
(\$2750) Regency-Superior
- 15, OG, H, VF \$2185 (\$2600)
RA Siegel
- 15a, PANAMA reading down and up,
OG, H, a tiny perf. fault o/w F-VF
\$3838 (\$7500) Spink Shreves
- 26b, overprint reading up, OG, H,
F-VF margin copy w/ additional
ZONE on margin \$3205 (\$5500)
Spink Shreves
- 32c, complete booklet of 4 panes
w/error covers of one cent, OG, all
panes adhere to interleaf, F-VF
\$1208 (\$n/a) Regency-Superior
- 46, 1st pr., OG, NH, almost VF
w/ margin \$175 (\$160) Regency-
Superior
- 48, OG, H, F-VF \$460 (\$500)
Regency-Superior
- 67, OG, NH, F+ for this, \$253 (\$500)
Harbour
- 80, pl. bl. 6 #14043-T w/ "F", OG, H,
F-VF \$1725 (\$2750) Regency-
Superior

- 86e, ZONE CANAL, OG, H, F \$276
(\$350) Regency-Superior
- 87, pl.bl. 6 #16377-R, OG, H in selv
only, stamps NH, F-VF \$322 (\$500)
Regency-Superior
- 157a, silver (bridge) omitted, OG,
NH,VF \$8050 (\$7500) Regency-
Superior
- C25a, horiz. pair, imperf. vert., OG,
NH, "typical mild paper creasing"
per cat. o/w F-VF \$805(\$1000)
Regency-Superior
- J17b, E of POSTAGE omitted, OG,
H, F w/ nat. se, in pair w/ normal
\$345 (\$800) Harbour
- U4, sl. reduced 1 side o/w VF, with
#s 60, 61, 63 added, all F-VF Balb.
Hts. 1921 to Canada, \$253 (\$n/a)
Harbour
- UX4, mint entire, VF, unofficial
XMAS greeting back, CZSG CS8,
from 1920 \$575 (\$n/a) RA Siegel
- UX6, mint entire, XF \$978 (\$1050)
Regency- Superior

The names and addresses of the pertinent auction houses are shown below.

Harbour Auctions
(div. of Mathew Bennett, Int.)
1954 Greenspring Dr.
Timonium, MD 21093

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PO Box 8277
St. Louis, MO 63156

Robert A. Siegel
60 East 56th St., 4th floor
New York, New York 10022

Spink Shreves Galleries
3100 Monticello Rd., Suite 925
Dallas, TX 75205
(new address effective 1/08)

Vice-President's Report

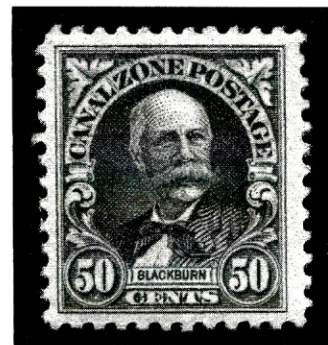
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of the CZP. We are considering putting older issues up on the Web.

New Web Site. Tom Brougham set up a new, more modern Web Site that is esthetically pleasing and has much more information. Two exhibits have been added to the site, and we are setting up criteria for general posting of appropriate philatelic exhibits on the site. Two research projects and a number of unusual covers are also on the site, as well as the indices for past Stamp Sales.

Senator Joseph Clay Styles Blackburn by Irwin J. Gibbs

Senator Blackburn (1838-1918), depicted on the 50¢ Canal Zone stamp Scott No. 114, was appointed to the Canal Commission by President Roosevelt on April 1, 1907, and reported to George Goethals, the President of the Commission.



He was a former lawyer and Senator from Kentucky and had served in the army of the Confederate states during the Civil War. Although members of the Commission had little authority, Blackburn considered it an honor to be appointed.

His official title was Chief of the Civil Administration, a job and title that meant almost nothing. Unofficially, his duties, besides attending Commission meetings, included the signing of cab licenses, and being the life of the party. He was noted for being a kindly man, a great orator, and a ready wit.

Senator Blackburn resigned from the Canal Commission on December 4, 1909.

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Northeast Chapter

The regular meeting of the Northeast Chapter of the CZSG will be held at the annual spring PHILATELIC SHOW in Boxborough MA on 10 May 2008. A second meeting will be held at THAMESPEX in Waterford, CT on 19 October 2008.

CZSG Project on Earliest Documented Use (EDU)

On this page we continue to provide information about the new EDU project. These initial reports on different areas are intended to get the project started. Future reports on these areas will provide updates as new information is received and verified.

To get the project started, Dick Larkin provides the following data on earliest documented uses of booklet pane stamps through Scott No. 117b. Members who can provide information to augment this listing are asked to contact him, or your Editor. It is most helpful if any "discovery" is reported with a scan of the item attached.

Pre WWII Canal Zone Booklet Stamps by Richard Larkin

Table 1 lists pre-World War II Canal Zone booklet panes, together with information about their dates of issuance and currently believed earliest use (since few other data are available yet, it has been assumed that if my earliest use is within about six months of the issue date, that it is the earliest use until proven otherwise; other 'EDU' lines are left blank for the moment). Members are asked to contact me (dlarkin@bdo.com), or the Editor, with information about earlier uses. Scans or copies of covers appreciated. For help in identifying booklet stamps on cover, see the CZP 81: 25-7.

#	Description	Value in cents	Received*	(Probable) FDOI	Current EDU
31c	Type I	1	30 Jan 1912	soon thereafter	14 May 1912
32c	1	2	20 Nov '11	soon thereafter	9 Jan '12
38c	II; perf. edges	1	≥ 28 Aug '13	late Aug '13 or later	14 Nov '15
39g	II; perf. edges	2	Jan '13 ?	late Aug '13 ?	13 Oct '13
39f	II; invert	2	July 15	≥ July '15	20 Nov '15 ^{1,2}
38b	II; cut edges	1	19 May '16	Aug '16	5 July '17
38b var	missing overprint	1	?	[must be ≥ Aug '16]	unknown ³
39c	II; cut edges	2	19 May '16	Aug '16	6 Mar '17
52b	IV	1	8 Mar '18	soon thereafter	19 Apr '20
53c	IV	2	8 Mar '18	soon thereafter	10 June '18
53d	missing overprint ⁴	2	?	[must be < 10 Mar '19]	10 Mar '19 ¹
55e	V (flat A)	1	22 Mar '21	soon thereafter	3 July '24
56g	V	2	Aug '20	soon thereafter	6 Aug '21
60b	V	1		13 Nov '21	28 Aug '22
61f	V	2		13 Nov '21	30 Jan '22
68, 69	Panama Arms	1,2	Feb '24	[never used]	-----
71e	early printing; perf. 11	1	30 Sept '24	Oct '24	16 Nov '25
73a	early; perf. 11	2	30 Sept '24	Oct '24	9 Jan '25
71e	late; perf. 11	1	15 May '25	late May '25	14 Apr '28
73a	late; perf. 11	2	15 May '25	late May '25	2 Nov '26
84d	sharp A; perf. 11	2	22 Mar '26	May '26	13 Apr '27
97b	perf. 10	2	6 Dec '26	May '27	23 May '27
101a	perf. 11 x 10.5	2	26 Sept '27	Feb '28	29 Feb '28
102a	Lincoln	3	Dec '32	Dec '32	-----
106a	Goethals	2	12 Oct '28	5 Nov '28	24 May '29
115c	Washington	3	Jan '33	Jan '33	7 Oct '35 ^{5,6}
117b	Goethals; perf edges	3		15 Aug '34	19 Oct '35 ^{5,6}
117a	Goethals; cut edges	3		17 Dec '35	5 Dec '36

* - The 'Received' date is the date received by the Treasurer of the Division of Posts (for booklets assembled locally), the date received in the Zone (for booklets printed by the ABN Co.), or shipped (for booklets assembled by the BEP). In some cases, especially for the early booklets, this date is not known exactly; the booklets may not have been issued to the public until later. The listed dates are mostly from *Canal Zone Stamps*, Chapter 19.

1 - These two items are believed unique on cover.

2 - Mine is the earliest documented use.

3 - The only reported example of this item is a pair used on piece. The month of the postmark appears to be October, but the year is not identifiable.

4 - The other Type IV missing and double overprint booklet errors are not known to have been used on cover.

5 - CZ 102a, 115c, and 117b, unless in complete panes with selvage, cannot be distinguished from non-booklet stamps when on cover. See Note 6.

6 - These two covers are franked with complete panes and were prepared by the postmaster at Balboa Heights. See CZP 69:29.

Table prepared by Richard Larkin

New and Corrected Earliest Reported Dates by Irwin J. Gibbs, Postal Stationery Editor

The *USPS catalog of Postal Stationery of the Canal Zone* was last published in 2003. Since that time a surprising number of new EDUs have been reported.

USPS Number	Scott Number	New EDU
2a	U2a	May 13, 1916
2d	U2C	Apr 15, 1919
3	U3	Apr 22, 1922
11 Gen. Req.cc	U9	May 27, 1925
11 Cristobal cc	U9	Dec 29, 1925
11 Ft. Clayton cc	U9	Nov. 30, 1926
12 Balboa cc	U9	Jul 7, 1926
12 Gatun cc	U9	Oct 20, 1926
23	U10	Nov 14, 1940
34	U13	Dec 16, 1931
40	U16	May 3, 1941
42	U16	Nov 13, 1951
45	U16	Sep 1, 1943
48	U16	Nov 15, 1956
51a	U16	Feb 21, 1942
52	U16	Jan 17, 1946
A4a Background Missing	UC2a	May 5, 1930
A9	UC3	Mar 6, 1951
S13	UX6	Apr 15, 1924

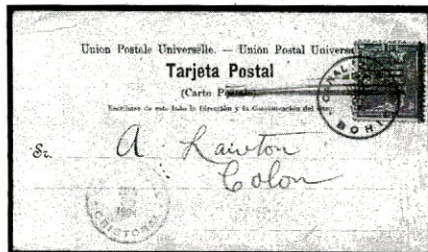
No doubt there are more EDUs. Please forward any new items to the Editor.

EDU Project Overprinted Panama Issues

Jim Cross has indicated he is willing to serve as coordinator for the EDU project for overprinted Panama issues. He asks that collectors report earliest dates to him with scans or photocopies. His email address is <jimacross@jimacross.cts.com> and his mailing address is:

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2) #39d* overprint reads down, very fine, never hinged, post office fresh '08 cat. value \$200.00 Net \$150.00

3) #46b* "Canal Zone" doubled, extremely fine, tropical o.g., beautifully centered, with '2003 PSE certificate, '08 cat. value \$350.00 Net \$300.00

4) #52a* overprint reads down, very fine, never hinged, post office fresh '08 cat. value \$175.00 Net \$150.00

5) #67a* "Zone Canal" reading down, very fine, original gum, lightly hinged, with '98 PSE certificate, '08 cat. value \$850.00 Net \$750.00

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